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s try to brace up and book plea aut. Normatter has low you are down. load former to always contagnous,

Woman's Honor

A beautiful and fragrant flower. is coaxed into bloom by the genial who fight the battles of law and oraushine of tropical countries. It der should be the first by precept sitive and lender that if it be the good name of women. No off the Commercial wharf at the foot of touched with but a breath no story should be printed concerning power on earth can prevent the them and compromising them which blight or wipe away the stain.

of woman. One breath of suspicion, one word of slander, will leave it marred and bruised forever.

Men and women are not sufficiently mindful of this fact. Too often trifles light as air are distorted by the frivolous or the a good woman,-News-Seimitar, base or the ungentle, into the mag-

nitude of damning facts. Too often lies born in the hearts of scoundrels and circulated by the lips of fools have whispered reputheir missions of infamy, gathering filth as they pass from knavish

ip to foolish car and out again. the work of spreading the compost down the fairest flowers.

Gossip is the black witch of the handmaiden of slander. It but with a thousand tongues it the real facts. Mr. Hay was a Ramona had arrived many sailors of belly to the ground, leaving its when he accepted a cabinet positrail of slime behind. It can damn tion, with faint praise, and without President Roosevelt himself insneering teach the rest to sneer herited a fortune, and he has never transferring them to the shore. It is the master of inuendo. It can felt the pinch of poverty. Why, circulate falsehood with knowing then, speak of wealthy men who

It is a human Harpie who with un- by a man who was forced to mortsated appetite leaves its feast on gage his home or undergo financial festering reputations in the char- straits in order to give the country nel house of character to devour the benefits of his wisdom and the good name of the innocent and statecraft. - The Commoner. pure. It is the arch enemy of woman's honor and has with its

lying tongue stabbed many a rep- Také LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE utation in the back. There was a time when it was money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove, less common to speak lightly of the signature is on each box. 25c. reputation of woman. There was a time when newspapers were less | Parts of Wisconsin experienced

the good name of women obtained by common consent and those who of them did so at their imminent peril. But with the advance of civilization people have become more law abiding, there is more of a disposition to adjust all differences in the courts. But this, instead bors in death

of making men less careful of the attacks they make upon women, should make them more careful. They should do through reverence and respect for the sex what the type smile at the world and look fear of a shotgun made them do generation ago. We are glad of The world will won smile back at you the growth of the law abiding spirit, but we find it in our hearts to wish for a revival of that old time spirit of chivalry which made every man the guardian of every woman' honor and decreed that the slight-

st strenna could only be washed away with blood The newspapers of this country might not be true, and when a Such a flower is the good name woman has no wealth, no influenname she should appeal for pro-

tection to no editor in vain. A woman's honor is worth more than a newspaper story, and it i better not to print the news than to unjustly destroy the reputation of

Not a Sacrifice.

Recently a great deal has been made accept high position under the govthey travel like winged vampires on ernment. The latest example is that of Mr. Root, who is being landed highly because he gave up a law practice worth perhaps \$100,-Thus common gossip takes up 000 a year to accept a cabinet position at a salary of \$8,000 a year upon the weeds until they choke in a recent address President Roosevelt landed Mr. Hay and Mr. Root because as he put it, they prefalsehood, the courier of bad news, ferred the public service to the mere accumulation of money. whispers evil into the ear of the Would it not be well for the Presiworld. It is doubt to utter good, dent to acquaint the public with spreads the base, the vile and the wealthy man, and it required no the Bennington who had jumped into impure. It repeats nothing that is real financial sacrifice on his part the bay to escape the scalding steam, a fifthy reptile that travels with its man, and he made no real sacrifice

winks and with an hundred arts of accept public office as if they were deception convey the lie it dares making great sacrifices for their country! It has been a long while This is gossip—and it is more. since a cabinet position was held

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TILL practice in all the Courts of Mis- prone to publish stories compro- quite a little flurry of snow on July mising a woman's honor. We 22d.

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U. S. GUNBOAT BLOWS UP

Sixty Dead and Many More In the Hospitals Whose Injuries Will Prove Fatal.

Boiler On the Gunbeat Bennington Explodes In the Harbor at San Diego, Cal.

ALMOST EVERY MAN ON BOARD EITHER KILLED OR WOUNDED

All the Wounded Believed to Have Been Saxed, Many Being Rescued From the Water and Taken to the Hospitals-Capt. Young, the Commander, Was Ashere at Time of Accident-The Vessel Almost a

A coll call ordered by Com- * mander Young on board the * the explosion showed 61 men * present, leaving 126 unaccounted for. These included dead, inforest and missing.

Commander Young believes some of the missing men were drowned and that their bodies ? will be found in the bay

Botlers in the United States gunboat Bennington blew up at San Diego, Cal. during the foreupon of Friday, July 21, Many were killed outright, and almost sumbered 60. On that day 47 were shimmering waters of San Diego bay, to keep the water from the upper comthe shotgan method of protecting of the Pacific, they were laid to rest in without crash and sound of drum and dared speak disparagingly of any trass, without nomp and parade, but danger, and when it was feared the with simple ceremonies, all honor was ship would sink before she could be part to the NATION'S dead. About beached the young officers and men them lie those who gave up their lives in the conquest of California, and who

> On the 23d the following estimate was made: Buried in military cemetery at Fort

Rosecrans, 47; dead now in morgue, te, awaiting shipment to relatives; dead in fireroom of Bennington still unrecovered, 2; total dead, 60. Injured at various hospitals, 49.

Missing, 16 Grand total, 125.

Of the injured at hospitals, seven of eight are expected to die. Forty-nine odles were taken to the cemetery, but two were brought back upon graphic orders for shipment.

belimed and will be shipped to the naval cemetery at Annapolis Was Preparing to Leave.

The Bennington at the time of the called the camelia, and is so sen- and example to protect, and shield accident was lying in the stream inst H street. The warship had orders ton to sail for Port Harford, where she was to meet the monitor Wyoming tial friends-nothing but her good and navy yard. Steam was up and everything was in readiness for sailing When auddenly, and without warning whatever the starboard forward beller exploded with a deafening

The explosion was terrific. People standing on the shore saw a cloud of white steam rise above the Bennington. Columns of water were hurled into the air and for a distance of nearly twice the beight of the spars of the vessel.

It was immediately apparent that an heard concerning the men who have | awful disaster had happened on board "great sacrifices" in order to the warship. The ferryboat Ramons was coming across the bay at the time of the accident. Capt. Bertelsen, of the Romona, immediately gave orders to change the course of the boat, and instead of continuing his trip to San Diego, side of the bay, hurried to the side of the sinking warshin

Hurried to the Rescue. The tug Santa Fe, which was tied up at the Commercial wharf; the launch er il Deltussey, and a large number of of er launches and water craft which were near the scene at the time, also rushed to the assistance of the Bennington and endoavored to give what not bad, it forgets everything that to devote his life to the public ser- had been rescued, and the removal of is good. It is a snake in the grass, vice. Mr. Root is also a wealthy the wounded, which already had been commenced, was being conducted in perfect order. The crews of the Santa Fe, De Russey and McKinley and the other boats present lent yeoman aid in picking up the wounded sailors and

Commander Young Was Ashore. At the time of the accident Commander Lucien Young and Surgeon F. E. Peck were on shore. The two officers, as soon as they learned of the disaster, hurried to the water front where Commander Young took charge On board the Bennington were presented terrible scenes. The force of the explosion had torn a great hole in the starboard side of the

ommencing to list. A section of the upper deck was carried away from stem tostern Blood and wreckage was distributed over the entire ship, the after cabin and the vicinity of the ship adjacent to the explodboiler resembling a charnel house.

Administratrix's Notice. Notice is hereby given that letters of ad-imistration were granted to the under-igned by the Probate Court of St. Francois ounty, Missouri, dated June 15, 1985, on the

All persons having claims against said esfate are requested to exhibit them to the
administratrix for allowance within one
year from the date of said letters, or they
may be precluded from any benefit of said
estate; and if not exhibited for allowance
within two years from the date of said letters they will be forever barred.

ANNE B. LLOYD, Administratrix. ANNIE B. LLOYD, Administratrix.

Over it all hung a great cloud of white smoke which drifted slowly toward the Ald For the injured.

The scene of hurrying ambulances, tacks, carriages of every description which had been summoned, added to the excitement Every physician who could be reached by retephone was called to the water front. Within a comparatively short time nearly a dozen were on the some and attending the

A dozen or fifteen men were blown overboard by the force of the terrific explosion. Capt. Wentworth, who was looking at the Bennington when the disaster occurred, ways

He saw human bodies horied over a hundred feet appared.

The air was black with smoke which enveloped the ship. When it cleared away only a few men could be seen on the decks, while a number were floundering in the water. A boat was lowered from the vessel's side and most of them were picked up and taken or

Muttinted Beyond Recognition. The bodies of many of the men fromutilated almost beyond recognition Commander Voing, as soon as he reached the ship, gave orders that the air tight compartments he closed to prevent the listing ship sinking and that the imagazines by theoded to avera further explosions. Temporary quar-

wounded. Many cirizens volunteered and harried in launches to the relief of those on the ill-fated whip. Some of the volunteers were unable to stand the sickening sight which met their gaze.

As the wounded were removed they wagons and notionabiles to the her

Was Inspecting the Bollers. When the explosion occurred, Engin

the entire crew were killed or wound- as a prefiningry to the results leaving uried in one grave. On the coast of sist in rescae acced in a brave and collected manner. Pumps were manned and within sound of the booming surt | partments, the magazine flooded, and men fought their way the little military burying ground- steam into the darsoned hold to search for the their contrades. In the wors stuck manfully to their posts

The ship's inner works are a tangles followed Commodore Stockton at Old mass of machinery and she probably San Pasqual. These are their neigh- will have to be dismantied in order to examine her futuries.

> Washington, July 21 .- Not since the III-fated buttleship Maine was blown up in Havana barbor has the navy department been obliged to eccord a disaster to one of the that of Friday.

Engineer officers do not recal when a boiler has exploded aboard warship of the United States. Mishape have occurred in the bottercom, but with slight loss of life or injuries, but they were unprepared to hear of an exlosion of such magnitude.

he marine corporthal no marines were ommandant of the curps, hurried over to the mavy department upon learning

ON THE WAY TO PANAMA.

Will Take Ten to Twenty Years to Construct Sen-Level Canal and Pive or Mis a Lock Canal.

New York, July 25 .- Chairman Theo Shopts of the Panania canal comatesion, with John F. Stevens, the new engineer-in-chief, are valling for the isthmus on the steamer Mexico:

It is Mr. Shones' first trip to the isthmus.



THEODORE P. SHONTS.

"First," he said, "we must look over health conditions, sanitation and con tentment of the men. Mr. Stevens and I talked over the plans in a general way with the president. The kind of a canal to be built is to be decided upon. I should say it would take ten or twenty years to construct a seatevel and five or six years a lock canal."

RECKLESS AUTOMOBILISTS

Far This Venr Seven Have Beer Killed and Pifty-Four In-

Chicago July 25 - Seven persons killed and 54 injured is the record made so far this year by the automobilists in Chicago. Although the year is but little more than half over, the figures show an appalling increase over last year's record of killed and injured.

Woman Kitted in Runnway. Bloomington, III., July 23.-Mrs. J. runeway near that place

At the municipal election held in Annapolis, Md., the Democrats daughter to a Gentile so incensed elected the mayor, city attorney and three out of six aldermen, giv- phis that they held funeral services ing the party control of the city.

Buffalo Bill has already prepared the place where he is to be buried. In the wonderland trail of Yellowstone National Park in one of the loneliest places he has had a tomb built of solid rock.

HUMBLE OIL FIELD

Men and Mules Fighting the Flames Burned to Death, and Many Are Injured.

MILLIONS OF BARRELS ON FIRE-LOSS MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Blaze Started By a Stroke of Light ning-Men Go to Fight Flames Are Hemmed in and Perish-Others Fight Their Way Through

Dallas, Tex., July 25.-A bulletin om Dustin, the nearest station to the fumble oil field, states that the fire still borning and spreading. The re was started by a stroke of light ing. It hit an earthen tank, and ir moment a million barrels of oil were

Efforts are being directed to save the sage tanks of the Guffey company. arred in the fire have been recovered The dead are estimated at from 10 to

Many of the men succeeded in es aping through the thinnest line of fire hey are badly burned, and received orgical and medical attenance at a bearly one thousand men are at work fighting the fire, the male effort being directed to confine the flames to their present limits. The estimates of loss are 5,000,0

arrels of oil, eight large tanks and llateral properties. The loss in money values, according these estimates, would reach \$2,000;at least, and may possibly go to

onle that figure. mucto be little hope of rescuing the surrounded by the flames, as even it they compe the burning they a hargly survive the oil and gav

Covering an area of three-quarters of mile square, with a great canopy of asks of the Taxas company conof the turning oil. When it can lumuished no one guesses. Cers oil is the 11 big ranks.

scople, many of them only awaiting tenin to go to Honston for shelter. They were living in tents and shacks the oil field, and field for their lives. the town away from danger. They all their beforeings, and they have on desiroyed by tire, which runs out oward the oil field. It has not yet been communicated to any of the derricks a wells. During the whole of the night here was a heavy downpour of rain, and this covered the ground with a tion.

If this waste oil catches fire then it company, the Sun company and of the soldiers' anks hold 4,500,000 barrels of oil. embanements to confine the fire to ment to try the cases.

and where it originated subbled and lifted a great mass of the burning fluid bodily out of the

d to three of the other tanks. The burning oil caught the men and was a wild scramble for safety, mer esing. Some of them mounted mules groes were seen to go down, and it is not believed possible they could have not been accounted for, these five are all that are certainly known to have this state.'

NEW ORLEANS NOT EXCITED

the City Refuses to Worry Over the Few Cases of Yellow Fever Discovered There.

ises to become excited over the velow fever. The Louisville & Nashville running extra trains in order to cturn people to the city from gulf past resorts because of the state empargo placed by the Mississippi au horities against New Orleans:

SHAH OF PERSIA COMING

to the United States and Then

Go to Mexico. London, July 25 -A Paris dispate ays that Muzaffer Ed-Din, shah of Persia, who is visiting Paris, will shortly go to Havre, where he will spend a reck during the yachting regatta. He will then go to Ostend, after which he

A Millionaire Killed. Los Angeles, Cal., July 22.-M. T Hancock, a millionaire, was killed in an automobile accident at night. Mrs Hancock and four children were badly

will visit the United States and Mexico

tank fire here, caused by a stroke of lightning, caused damage to the extent investigating Cotton Lenk Scandal Washington, July 24.-The grand jury of the District of Columbia has

begun investigating the cotton report

Cleveland, Okla., July 23.-The oil

leak scandal. The runaway marriage of their a wealthy Jewish family in Mem over the name of the girl, indicating that she is dead to them.

One dozen cucum bers at one mea proved fatal to Mrs. Mary Greer at Evansville, Ind., on the 28d. Several other cucumber cases were reported the same day.

THE MARK AND THE MOTTO "The Recollection of Quality Remains Long After



SOLDIER INMATES

DENIED SUFFRAGE

Under Inhibition in Constitution Against Occupants of Asylums at Public Expense,

with Special Judge W. W. Evans presiding. The contested cases at of the agencies of the government A. B. Hale (Dem.) vs William. One may not, of course, accept Stimson Sr. (Rep.) for the office as conclusive any statement of a for the office of Assessor were from his been proved in the depart called for trial.

James.

these of water, coated with a thick film The cases were first called for ed in this semidal, his resignation trial before L. B. Woodside of this at this time is not calculated to incircuit. He held that the inmates space confidence in his charges of smaller owners may go. These voters. Judge Woodside afterward ground for belief that somewhere was disqualified by the contestees in the Department of Agriculture Shortly after the big tank began to on account of his rulings on other there is a "bug under a chip. are 100 workmen with 75 mules were points of the case. Judge W. W. Mr. Hyde says he was being persearried to the place to throw up earth. Evans was then selected by a gree-cuted by a powerful organiza-

OLD SOLDIERS' VOTES.

trial before Judge Evans this after noon, the attorneys for the contestees filed a demurrer to that part nucles and becomed them in. There of contestants notice of contest which alleged the inmates of the dropping the scrapers and reins and Soldiers' Home at St. James were teeted against any anlawful influillegal voters under section 8 of and got out, but at least 40 of the mules article 8 of the Constitution, which clerk or other employe should feel balked and were cremated. Five ne provides "that no person while kept in a poorhouse or other asylum at public expense shall be allowed to vote at any election in or any other public servant should

Judge Evans overruled the demurrer and declared that such persons came within the constitutional inhibitism and that their votes were that the cotton seandal in the Deillegal, notwithstanding the fact that the Revised Statutes of Missouri excepted them from said constitutional provision, holding that it was not competent where the Constitution prohibits any class ruption arises. The light of pubfrom voting for the Legislature to licity has had a wonder effect in except any of said class from the provisions denying the class the diplomatic, Panama and other

right of suffrage. In other words, Judge Evans held the exceptions as to Federal President Roosevell will not depart Soldiers Home and Confederate Soldiers Home in section 6994. Revised Statutes 1899, to be in conflict with section 8, article 8, of the Constitution, and, therefore, void missal. Under the circumstances in so far as it attempted to confer Secretary Wilson neted unwisely

of these institutions.

Judge Evans in delivering his were a myth or securing enough opinion said: "It was not the in- evidence to fasten this charge of tention of the framers of the Con- corruption where it belongs.-The stitution to humiliate the inmates Commoner. of eleemosynary institutions or to class them as paupers, but for the purpose of protecting the public experience with the newspapers against an inclination that would during his connection with a cabnaturally grow up in these institu- inet office, he has issued orders to tions to control the local affairs of the employes of the Equitable Life the community in which they might Insurance Society not to discuss

he located." The right to vote is not an inherent or an alienable right, he "troubles" to him privately, and said, but one that is confined or if it is thought necessary he will witheld by the lawmaking power give them to the public. of the State.

Hampton and J. J. Crites of Rolla and Judge T. A Sherwood of Springfield. The Republican con-Springheid. The Republic one deniged that to the damage testees are represented by ex-Senday, adding greatly to the damage. Richland .- St. Louis Republic.

price 10 cen ts per ton.

Cotton Leak Scandal

If reliance can be placed upon the statements of John Hyde, statistician and chief of the bureau of sta According to the latest bulletin there Judge Evans Rules That They Come tisties of the Department of Agrieniture, in his letter of resignation, most deplorable condition of affairs exists in that department Hyde, who has been making up the erop reports during the past four ears, charges a conspiracy upon Rolla, Mo., July 18 -The the part of certain powerful intercuit Court of Phelps county con- esis to oust him from office, the vened in adjourned term to-day, plain inference being that these interests sought the corruption

> of Collector and C. R. Mathock government clerk who resigns under (Dem.) vs. Frank Spradling (Ref.) fire, especially when open corrupment of which he is a part. Re-These cases call in question the cent scandals in Secretary Wilson's legality of votes of the immates of office resulted in the dismissal of the Federal Soldiers' Home at St. Edwin S. Holmes, who was charged The contestants also with giving statistical information charged fraud in the counting of to cotton brokers in advance of the ballots at the last general elect general publication. While it is not shown that Hyde was implicattion that was trying to bring about his retirement. If this is so it is plainly. Mr. Hyde's duty to When the cases were called for tell all he knows about this conspiracy in order to protect other governmental servants in the disharge of their duties. The employes of all departments of the fed eral administration should be prosure of his position so long as he performs his duties acceptably. would be indeed deplorable if Hvde be forced to resign because of per-

secutions from outside interests of any kind. There is every reason to believe partment of Agriculture will be probed to the bottom. It is the policy of the Roosevelt administration to make a clean sweep wherever a suspicion of fraud or corcleansing certain postal, customs, scandals, and in the present in stance it is pretty certain that from his custom. If a government clerk resigns he should have some better excuse than the fear that outside influence will secure his disthe right of suffrage upon inmates in accepting Hyde's resignation without either satisfying himself that these outside 'influences'

> In view of Paul Morton's recent publicly any of the society's affairs, but asks them to tell their

Dallas, Texas, was visited by The Democratic contestants are cloudburst on the 23rd, which did represented by Watson, Holmes, a big amount of damage to property, and before the people had recovered from their panic a second one deluged them the following

and Judge Charles H. Shubert of The Milwaukee grand jury recently returned 67 indictments against 25 county officials and On July 1st coal advanced in others. They were all chargeP with "graft."